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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR: MEETING WITH EASTERN REPS, JUNE 25

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1. FRG AND US REPS SAW SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN REPS JUNE 25 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINAL PLENARY.

2. SOVIET REP (KHLESTOV) CONFIRMED EASTERN AGREEMENT TO TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (INCLUDING PHRASE " SCOPE AND TIMING") AND TO DATE OF OCTOBER 30 FOR START OF NEGOTIATIONS. SOVIET REP PROPOSED TO SPLIT SENTENCE OF COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS APPEARS. AFTER DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS AGREED THAT TEXT WOULD READ: "... CENTRAL EUROPE. THE NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA AND WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 30, 1973." TITLE, " FINAL COMMUNIQUE" WAS ALSO AGREED.

3. ACTING FRG AND US REPS PRESENTED INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT ON JUNE 8 SENTENCE ABOUT INTRODUCTION OF SUBJECT FOR NEGOTIATION. SOVIET REP CONFIRMED THAT TEXT ACCURATELY REFLECTD WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED IN PRIOR DISCUSSION. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

THE SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH REFERS TO THE RIGHT TO RAISE TOPICS FOR NEGOTIATION MEANS THAT, DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, ANY TOPIC RELEVANT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER MAY WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS BE INTRODUCED FOR NEGOTIATION AND DECISION BY ANY OF THOSE STATES WHICH WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISION, THIS DOES NOT PREJUDICE THE RIGHT OF ALL PARTICIPATNS TO SPEAK AND CIRCULATE PAPERS ON THE SUBJECT MATTER.

END TEXT.

4. ACTING FRG REP NOTED ROMANIAN INTENTION TO SPEAK AT FINAL PLENARY, AND SAID WEST WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE NO STATEMENTS. HE ASKED IF IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR ROMANINA REP TO SPEAK AT FINAL PLENARY. SOVIET REP SAID HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY BUT ROMANINA MAY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS WHCH REQUIRE IT. SOVIET REP SAID ROMANIAN REP DID NOT YET HAVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS, AS OF LAST WORK EARLIER IN THE DAY, PLANNING TO SAY A FEW WORDS, BUT NOT TO OPPOSE ADOPTION OF COMMUNIQUE. SOVIET REP PROMISED TO INFORM ROMANIAN REP OF WESTERN VIEW AND URGED WESTERN REPS TO SPEAK TO HIM, TOO.

5. ACTING FRG REP SAID WEST WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO MAKE A STATE-SECRET

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MENT OF ITS OWN UNLESS WEST COULD REVIEW ROMANINA TEXT IN ADVANCE, IT WAS CLEAR THAT ROMANIAN REMARKS WERE COMMENTS AS TO HOW ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE TEXT, AND ROMANIAN FULLY ACCEPTED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT RESERVATIONS. SOVIET REP REPLIED THAT ROMANIAN REP HAD TOLD HIM HIS REMAKRS WOULD BE COMMENTS NOT OBJECTIONS, AND HE ENVISIONED THAT LAST WORK WOULD

BE CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADOPTION OF COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT OBJECTION. ACTING FRG AND US REPS ASKED TO SEE ROMANIAN TEXT IN ADVANCE, CAUTIONING SOVIET REP THAT WEST MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ITS OWN STATEMENT UNLESS IT COULD BE SURE THAT ROMANIAN TEXT DID NOT REOPEN COMMUNIQUE POINTS. ALLIES ASSUMED OTHER WARSAW PACT REPS WOULD MAKE NO STATEMENT IF THEY DID NOT.

6. ACTING FRG REP PROPOSED DRAFT OF BRIEF STATEMENT TO ANNOUNCE DATE OF FINAL PLENARY. SOVIET REP WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED AND PROMISED TO DISCUSS TEXT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.

7. ACTING FRG REP PRESENTED DRAFT OF POINTS WHICH EAST GERMAN REP MIGHT MAKE AT FINAL PLENARY. HE NOTED THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR AGREED TEXT OF THESE REMARKS. GDR REP AGREED TO SEND DRAFT TEXT OF HIS SUGGESTED REMARKS TO FRG REP. SOVIET REP SAID HE BELIEVED IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE A SHORT COVERING COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT PLENARY HAD BEEN HELD UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF GDR REP AND FINAL COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN ADOPTED. HE AGREED TO FORWARD A DRAFT TEXT TO ALLIED REPS.

8. SOVIET REP RETURNED TO THE QUESTION OF THE DATE FOR THE FINAL PLENARY. IN HIS OPINION, PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING WAS DONE, AND ONE MORE DAY OF PREPARATIONS WOULD BE QUITE ENOUGH. HE PROPOSED JUNE 27 AT 10:30 A. M. HE NOTED MANY DELEGATIONS WISHED TO LEAVE (CORRIDOR CONVERSATION BEFORE THE MEETING INDICATED BECAUSE OF AEROFLOT SCHEDULE SEVERAL SOVIET OFFICERS WOULD HAVE TO PUT OFF DEPARTURES UNTIL JULY 1 IF PLENARY HELD ON JUNE 28).

9. ACTING FRG REP EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING NOTICE TO WESTERN JOURNALISTS WHO WOULD BE COMING TO PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER FINAL PLENARY. US REP POINTED OUT NOT ALL WESTERN REPS HAD YET RETURNED TO VIENNA. SOVIET REP ASKED IF HAVING FINAL PLENARY ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE 27 WOULD HELP. ALLIED REPS SAID ALLIES IN DISCUSSION EARLIER THAT DAY HAD EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR JUNE 28. THEY SAID THEY WOULD HOWEVER REPORT SOVIET VIEWS TO ALLIES
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AND GIVE FINAL RESPONSE MORNING OF JUNE 26.

10. IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN TIMING, ACTING FRG REP ASKED IF EASTERN GROUP PLANNED A PRESS CONFERENCE. SOVIET REP REPLIED QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN HIS GROUP, AND HE KNEW OF NO PRESENT INTENTION TO HOLD ANY PRESS CONFERENCE.
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